

By a decisive majority yesterday the people of Arkansas endorsed Governor McMath's road bond proposal. It was the No. 1 plank in his campaign platform, and he promptly put it through the legislature and submitted it to the voters in yesterday's special general election.

The size of the majority was surprising. I know that anything is more popular than increasing taxes, and The Star was on politically doubtful ground in advocating a pay-as-you-go program; nevertheless I thought there would be a close fight at the polls.

Whether you win or lose is beside the point, Governor McMath's appraisal of the highway financial picture has been accepted, and that is what we must build on now—for the whole state.

It goes without saying that the greatest peril facing any state bond operation is the diversion of borrowed money from its intended purpose. That was what spilled the original McMath highway note program and helped send us into three refunding operations in about 15 years.

Governor McMath is honest and competent, and he has got the bonds marketed to the best possible advantage. But the day that the proceeds arrive in Little Rock he'll be subjected to all kinds of political pressure to put the money everywhere except on the state highway system. That's the toughest problem the man in the governor's office has to meet and solve.

And that's where all citizens can help out, by keeping themselves informed on highway developments, by backing the pressure group raids, and avoiding the road policy mistakes of the past.

China's Reds May Find It Nice To Go To U.S. Business
By JAMES H. BROWN
American business interests in China are understandably worried about what is in store for them. The outcome hinges on the Communist price for peace, for the Reds seem to be in a position to name their own figures. As things look now, it is unlikely that the Communists will push on until they have overrun all China. The recent hulls in lighting suggest that negotiations are under way either to give the Communists a place in a coalition government or else to hand over to them what they have won and split the country in two. In either case the future of American interests in China is uncertain. The Communist attitude to date is contradictory.

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Student Claims to Be 'Burger' Eating Champ

Los Angeles, Feb. 16—(AP)—Charles E. "Mac" Cusack, 24-year-old University of Southern California student, opened today he is the "world's intercollegiate hamburger eating champion." It was dull at the fraternity house until somebody thought of the little cake with the sign: "Eat a dozen burgers and get 'em free." Mayonnaise oozing to the left and onions to the right, Cusack chomped through 13—Cafe Manager Ralph Ebertson's careful count.

Then he asked for dessert—cake and cocoa.

Posner, stepson of Paul Schell, Danish consul in Chicago, said he will take on all comers.

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Tempers Flare as Vet Pension Bill Gets Nod

By BARNEY LIVINGSTONE

Washington, Feb. 16—(AP)—Angry disagreement developed in congress today over a multi-million dollar veterans pension bill. It barreled through the house veterans committee yesterday amid cries of "dictatorship."

Disputing charges of using dictatorial methods in obtaining committee approval, Chairman Rankin (D-Miss) endeavored to override administration opposition and force a quick house vote on the pension proposal.

Although President Truman has called it be known there is no place for veterans pensions in his budget, Rankin predicted it would carry by a landslide in both house and senate if brought to a vote. The bill would pay \$30 a month to 18,000,000 veterans of both world wars when they reach 65 years of age, provided they served at least 90 days and were not dishonorably discharged.

The first year's cost of the pension in its present form has been estimated at \$129,000,000, increasing annually to an ultimate peak of \$6,000,000,000 a year by 1950. The measure was approved in an uproarious closed-door session of the committee lasting a little over an hour.

Mid-way of the deliberations, six members of the committee—All Democrats—stalked out in protest against what they charged were Rankin's "high-handed" tactics.

Rep. Huber (D-Ohio), one of those who took a walk, said the dissenters were considering writing a minority report to "set forth our views."

Meanwhile, Rankin sought clearance for his bill from an unrepentant house leadership. Rankin held an ace in the hole in the form of a new house rule authorizing committee chairmen to take action on bills if they have been bottled up more than 21 days in the rules committee.

Speaker Rayburn took under consideration Rankin's initial request for recognition to bring the bill up under unanimous consent agreement. This failing, the next step would be to get clearance from the rules committee.

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U. S. Scientists Now Working on Space Ship That Will Travel 10,000 Miles Hour

Again Loses Fight to Lower Fund

By JIM THOMASSON

Little Rock, Feb. 16—(AP)—The Arkansas House today refused to recognize a newspaper statement concerning the appropriation bill for house salaries and expenses.

It voted to remove from committee the resolution by Rep. Forrest Long of Woodruff county calling for investigation of house expenses but then defeated the resolution on a voice vote.

Following the vote, Rep. H. H. Pickering of Ashley county moved that the house give Speaker Carl Hendrix a rising vote of confidence, and with Rep. Louis Watts of Drew county in the chair, every member of the house stood.

Hendrix, who has been criticized by Arkansas Gazette Columnist Hardy (Spider) Rowland, expressed appreciation to the house "for the courtesy shown me this morning" and brought a cheer from the house by doing so.

"I have never made a statement on the floor of this house about any newspaper or newspaper man, but the life I live don't run anything in comparison with the life of the man who writes that libelous column in the Arkansas Gazette criticizing me."

Early in the session Long introduced a resolution declaring that newspaper charges had been made that the expense of purchase of the electric roll call system was excessive that irregularities exist in the house, and that certain items were improper, including in the house appropriation bill. It requested that a committee of ten be appointed to determine whether the charges were true or false.

Long told the house that some members had personally respected the resolution but added, "I don't like the charges, my resolution calls for a committee to reply to newspaper charges."

The committee at the house labor committee hearing last night was put in the house records through a labor committee report this morning.

The labor committee was unable to take any action on house bill 318 (to drastically modify the anti-strike violence act) due to confusion and disturbances created originally by one Lawrence Burlew, attorney of Little Rock, Ark., who reported by labor committee Chairman James A. Gibson said.

The house passed during the morning a bill to permit cities of the first class to provide the ordinance that candidates for aldermen have to be voted on only by residents of the wards in which they are candidates.

Little Rock, Feb. 16—(AP)—Pulaski Rep. Dave Thompson has lost again in his fight to have the Arkansas house reconsider the amount of money it voted for itself.

He tried today to have his bill to cut off approximately \$40,000 from the house appropriation bill made a special order of business this morning.

Thompson failed although a majority of the 74 representatives who were present sided with him. Forty-one voted against reconsideration; 33 against.

The matter requires a two-thirds majority. Thompson's motion was defeated.

The Pulaski representative would reduce the house appropriation for salaries and expenses from \$247,000 to \$206,260.

The house late yesterday received a bill apparently intended to remove much of the vitality from a report by work amendment.

The act was passed two years ago. It provides penalties for violation of a 1944 constitutional amendment forbidding making of labor union a condition of employment.

The amending bill, by Rep. H. H. Pickering of Ashley county, would exempt from the act's provisions business and industries manufacturing goods which are transported "in whole or part" in interstate commerce.

A new administration-sponsored tax bill was offered, and a similar one introduced several days later was withdrawn. The proposed tax is designed to supplement the retail sales tax on automobiles.

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Marked Tree Police Chief Shot in Back

Marked Tree, Feb. 16—(AP)—Finley Smith, chief of police here, was shot twice in the back at a cafe here last night and an uncle is being held in New York. The only higher readings were in Florida and Texas.

There was rain over many areas in the south and east. One belt extended from the New England states southwestward through the Appalachians. Rain continued in Alabama, Georgia, eastern Tennessee, the Carolinas, Virginia and Mississippi. Meriden, Miss., reported a fall of 1.10 inches in six hours.

Red Cross Moves

The Red Cross office has been moved to the old Water and Light plant office on Division Street, it was announced today. The building is also occupied by the draft board.

Acheson Denies U.S. Backing Out on Atlantic Pact

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

Washington, Feb. 16—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson insisted today that the United States intends to make the proposed North Atlantic pact an effective security alliance.

He denied that this country is backing away from its declared policy to do that.

At his news conference today, Acheson cited as a principal statement of American policy President Truman's inauguration speech of January 20.

In that speech, Mr. Truman said the primary purpose of regional defense agreements under the United Nations charter "is to provide a deterrent to the free world from any quarter."

Acheson said he thinks the senator's foreign policy leaders, senators, (D-Texas) and Van denberg (R-Mich.) and the state department are all seeking the same thing in the Atlantic treaty project.

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Tabernacle Host to Sectional Meet

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New Plants, Vegetables Tested

During the past two years, new ornamental plants, as well as many new vegetables have been tested in 20 trial gardens throughout the United States. The All-American selections committee awarded medals for seven new vegetables that appeared to have outstanding merit, according to reports received by Home Demonstration Agent, Lorraine Blackwood.

The Caserta, an extra early squash, received the first gold medal award since 1935. Other winners included Triumph Bush Lima bean, silver medal. Premier Great Lakes head lettuce (earlier than Great Lakes), and Pennlake (more heat resistant) both received bronze medals. Cherry Beale radish, a new early crop, bright red radish that stays firm in hot weather also received a bronze medal. Ideal Snowdrift cauliflower and Flagship corn received honorable mention.

For the gardener who is eager to obtain new varieties superior to the old standbys, there is the list. The final test of their desirability is in your home garden. No home gardener can afford to experiment with every new plant advertised with a beautiful picture, but these new All-American varieties have been tested for two years, she explains. To make the home garden more productive, one need not be an experimenter, but he must make use of the experimenter's knowledge and grow some of these vegetables in his own garden.

Three All-American awards also went to the following ornamental plants: Morning Glory—Blue Star, a variation of Heavenly Blue, which is the most popular of all annual vines. Hollyhock—Indian Summer, a reliable perennial that will bloom the first year if planted early and make an attractive background, growing a height of five feet. Petunia—Silver Medal grows about 18 inches tall and produces deep salmon-pink flowers on a bushy upright plant.

Officials in charge of the thrice-weekly motion pictures at Hialeah report that "horse operas" are the most popular films with stable hands.

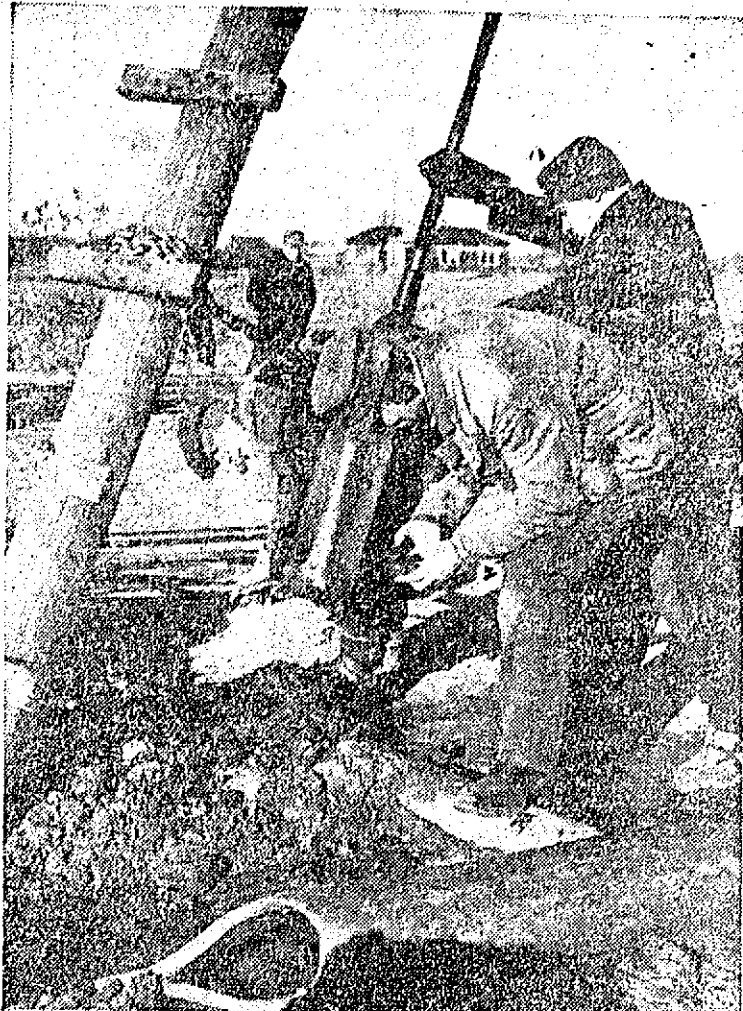
Michigan State is the second college team in history to win the National AAU cross-country championship—Indiana won the event in 1938.

Famed distance runner Don Lash won the AAU cross-country race seven years in a row before he hung up his spikes.

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Don't let coughing, wheezing, recurring attacks of bronchitis, asthma, flu, sleep and energy without trying MENDACO, which works thru the blood to reach bronchial tubes and lungs. Usually helps nature quickly remove thick, sticky mucus. Thus alleviates coughing and aids free breathing and better sleep. Get MENDACO from druggists. Satisfaction or money back guaranteed.

Coal Discovered in Berlin



These miners are working on a coal deposit found in the French sector of Berlin. If Russia's blockade of the city lasts until next fall, the Allied Airlift may have a little easier supply job, as authorities think the mine may yield 1000 tons daily by then. The brown coal was found only 70 feet below the surface. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Joe Schuppe.)

POP Goes the QUEEN

By Bob Wade and Bill Miller

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THE STORY: John Henry and Sin Conover, vacationing at a swank resort, witness the death of Homer Anglin. Before Anglin dies, he whispers to Johnny, "You already got it. Anglin previously had apparently mistaken the Conovers for someone else. Then the Conover quarters are occupied by Faye Jordan under a pretext of a reservation mixup. At a swimming pool Johnny tries to question Faye. Sin, slightly jealous, suddenly finds himself in company with Sigmund Robottom, archeologist, who calls her Mrs. Jones." It is the second time she was called by that name—once before by Mr. Barselou, the owner of the resort. Robottom tells Sin he'll have "no interference." Sin he'll have "no interference." Meanwhile Faye has offered to take Johnny to an interesting place.

The road was bumpy even in her convertible Mercury. John Henry coned the girl's profile against the speeding desert. Almost classic, if you like a nose that regally turned up a little. Then he reaches the conclusion that her chin curved toward Faye Jordan under a pretext of a reservation mixup. At a swimming pool Johnny tries to question Faye. Sin, slightly jealous, suddenly finds himself in company with Sigmund Robottom, archeologist, who calls her Mrs. Jones." It is the second time she was called by that name—once before by Mr. Barselou, the owner of the resort. Robottom tells Sin he'll have "no interference." Sin he'll have "no interference." Meanwhile Faye has offered to take Johnny to an interesting place.

"Good. Where?" She lowered her lashes enigmatically. John Henry couldn't get an answer for that particular question. Back at the pool Faye had suddenly told him he would be interested in seeing a fascinating place—a secret place. Curious, but inwardly hesitant, he had allowed himself to be carried away from the Las Dunas, through Azure and out across the rolling plains to the south. A mile or so back, Faye had wheeled the Mercury off on a dirt road, still holding to a speed that made the conservative John Henry shudder.

She had changed her bathing suit for a play dress, pink with a faint horizontal white stripe, full skirt, low-backed and with a bare midriff. The exposed stomach bothered John Henry. He always did in a street length dress. What bothered him more was the card. He could see the white edge of its stiff cardboard protruding from the pocket on her left thigh. Why did she carry it in everything she wore?

The car lurched gaily around a hairpin curve. "Why don't you slow down a little," he suggested tentatively. "Don't you like going fast?" "What's the big hurry?" "What's life? What's death?" Faye asked rhetorically, her eyes immense.

The Mercury leaped ahead faster than ever and Faye laughed exultingly. John Henry hunched down in the red-leather seat. Sin had been right. He should have taken her advice. It would be tough on her when she heard how he had been killed.

"There it is," Faye announced happily and John Henry realized he had his eyes shut. He opened them now.

The Mercury had topped a slight rise in the desert and was rolling headlong down the incline on the other side toward a barbed-wire fence which vaulted the road in the form of a low archway. The swinging sign spelled out Bar C Ranch in twines. Beyond the fence, a desiccated hand showed. The mesquite, sagebrush and greasewood had been banished. In their places sprouted feathery green timarisk trees, rows of pink and white candelars and, of course, the omnipresent palms.

A hundred yards back from the archway rested the bulk of the ranch house. It was low and rambling, devoted more to length and breadth than to height. Wings sprang forth haphazardly to the right and the left.

The ranch house was evidently constructed of adobe, plastered with a beige stucco. It had been deliberately need in spots by allowing the adobe bricks to weather through. The pseudo-western air had been carried through with heavy beams which supported the roof and with wooden shutters on the windows. But behind these shutters John Henry could see shiny metal ventilation blinds.

"Isn't it darling?" Faye breathed as she forced the Mercury to a jarring halt. John Henry clamped a decisive hand on the girl's wrist. "Now before we go any farther—" "Now you're talking," purred Faye. She sat up on her hands and knees on the seat cushions and thrust out her face toward him.

John Henry sank behind a determined shoulder and said, "None of that. Just what is this place, and what are we doing here? What's so



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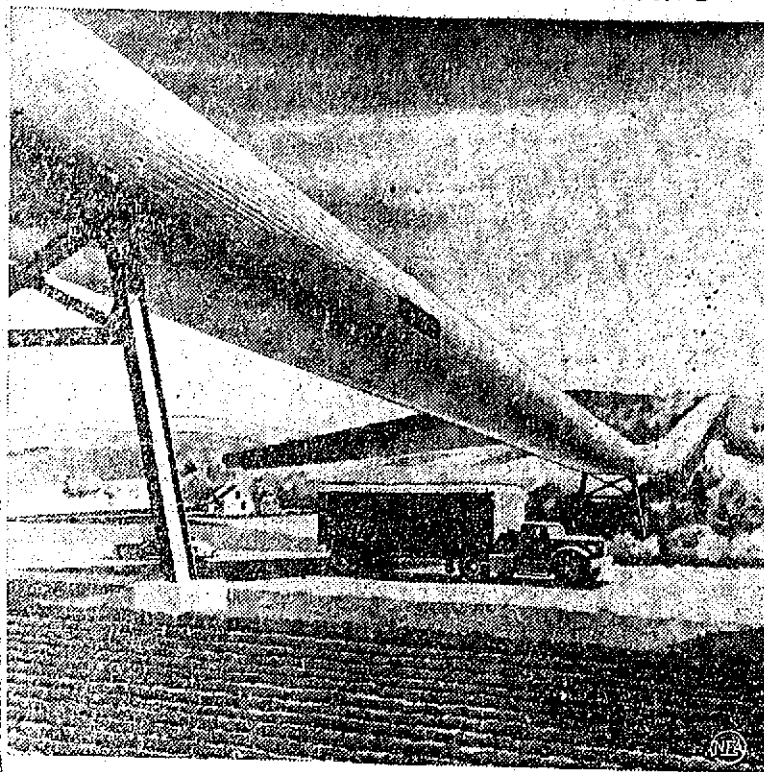
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Ice, Anyone?



Blizzard winds whipped the water from this drinking fountain in Kearney, Neb., and surrounded it with a solid block of ice. Thirsty David Hunt will have a long wait before he gets a drink.

People Should Investigate Throat 'Frog'

People usually say they "have a frog in their throat" when they find themselves unable to speak clearly. Commonly called hoarseness, this is a common condition, but one which should be investigated where it persists for too long a time. Home Demonstration Agent, Lorraine Blackwood, explains. It sometimes follows a cold, or starts during a seizure of cold but disappears when the cold disappears. One should have no fears under these circumstances. But, when hoarseness suddenly appears and lasts for more than a few days, a doctor should be consulted.

Hoarseness is one of the symptoms of cancer of the throat or of a small tumor of the vocal cords. If this condition is diagnosed early, it may be cut off without injuring the vocal cords.

Persons who use their voices often as public speakers and singers are known to develop small tumors or nodules on their vocal cords. Usually, these swellings disappear after a period of rest of the voice. However, sometimes they have to be removed by a competent surgeon to obtain relief.

Ulcers may develop in the voice box of the throat and cause hoarseness, Mrs. Blackwood, explains. These growths may be easily cut away if discovered in time and proper treatment instituted.

The important point to remember

secret about a dude ranch?" "You're so pent-up," she sighed and reached across him to open his door. Then she crawled over his lap and slid to the ground. "It's no dude ranch," she added.

Dubiously, Conover followed her. Faye Jordan had the mysterious card palmed in one hand now.

As they crunched through the gravel to the big front door, John Henry noticed that bridges and brand-new iron hung from the huge supporting timbers of the porch.

The weathered broken wagon wheel leaned theatrically against the low cement and tile porch. Faye banged at the door with the heavy brass knocker.

"That's no fun." The latch rattled and the door swung open smoothly, revealing dim cool reaches beyond. A battered face peered at them from the gloom. Crushed lips greeted "Won't you come in?" (To Be Continued)



Arkansas

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issue approved within eight years. In 1941, the people voted \$130,000,000 in refunding securities.

The governor said today he was advised a bill affecting highways would be introduced today in the state legislature. It would revise license fees on heavy trucks operated by common carriers and big truck lines. He said the proposal was a recommendation of the Arkansas legislative council which he approved and which would produce an additional \$3,000,000 a year in revenue.

Rep. Paul Van Dalsem of Perry county said he would introduce the bill in the house today.

The governor said that the object of such a bill was to limit the tonnage of heavy trucks and trailers on the highways and to equalize the license fees paid by operators of such trucks as compared to fees paid by owners of passenger cars.

He added that bus and truck associations are agreeable to a revision of license fees and that their reaction to this particular bill would be obtained at a public hearing.

Again Looses

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ties brought outside the state and not reached by the sales tax. Ferguson's bill would direct the speaker of the house to appoint five members and the president of the senate there to make up the council. The group could employ an executive director at \$5,000 a year and such other experts as it needed. It would remain in session at its own pleasure between biennial meetings of the legislature.

Its function would be to prepare state budgets, standards for state employees and study operation of state departments and agencies. A flood of new bills hit the senate today. The list included bills appropriating approximately \$32,000,000 annually for the highway department, and another setting up a water pollution control commission.

The highway budget bills had been held up pending outcome of yesterday's election on the administration's highway bond construction program.

The water pollution bill would set up a seven-member commission supervise all pollution matters. At present the only state agency having control in such matters is the game and fish commission.

Senator Sereeton introduced a bill to permit liquor retailers to buy direct from out-of-state distillers and whole salers rather than through wholesalers licensed in Arkansas. He said Arkansas wholesalers have a monopoly in the sale of liquor.

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Anti-Violence Talk Almost Brings Fight

Little Rock, Feb. 16 —(AP)— A legislative hearing on a proposed "anti-violence" amendment almost verged on violence itself here last night.

There was considerable bickering between some members of the house labor committee and some spectators.

And at one point, Chairman James A. Gipson of Saline started toward Lawrence Burrow, Little Rock lawyer, after the latter insisted on making clear his belief the committee didn't have a quorum.

Other persons, including husky Jimmy Karam, Little Rock Junior college coach, intervened. There was no bloodshed, not even any cuffs.

The hearing has been called to consider Pulaski Rep. Dave Thompson's bill to soften drastically the act forbidding, and providing penalties for, violence in labor disputes.

There the confusion Thompson tried in vain to get an opportunity to say something about his own bill.

The committee, which once had recommended passage of the bill before the measure had been reassigned for a public hearing, finally gave up. It sent the bill back to the house without recommendation.

Harness horse driver Ben White has driven the winner in seven of the 56 runnings of the Kentucky Derby at Lexington, Ky.

Three of Clemson College's varsity football coaches are graduates of the school—Covington McMillan, Walter Cox and Bob Jones.

Seven members of the Clemson College starting lineup were from South Carolina.

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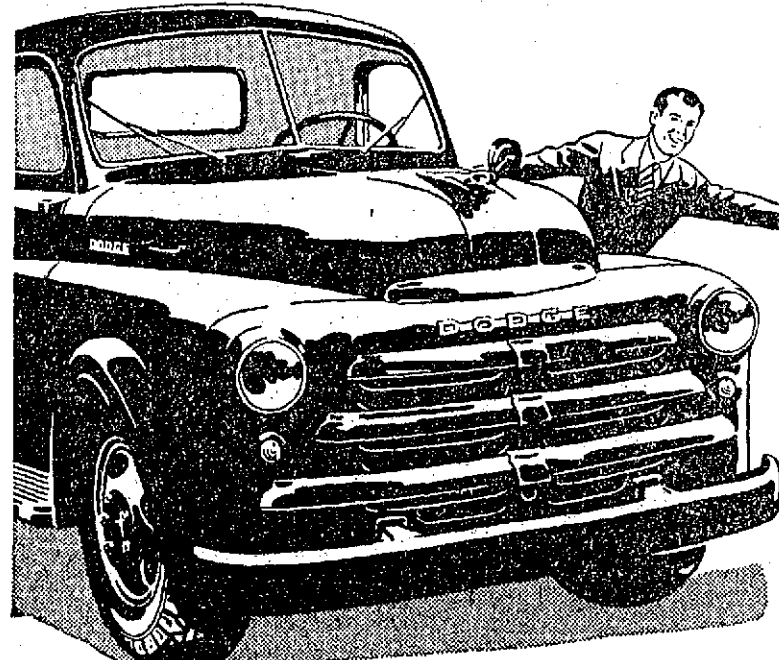
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Social Calendar

Thursday, February 17th
The F.T.A. Founders Day program will be held in the High School auditorium, Thursday, Feb. 17th. Registration will begin at 2:15 p.m. and the program will start at 7:30. After the program, there will be a silver tea in the Home Ec. Cottage. Everyone is urged to attend.

Thursday, February 17th
Directors and play casts of the Theban Troupes, celebrating Drama Week, February 6th through 18th will be entertained at a Buffet supper and dance at the Texarkana Junior College Thursday night, February 17th, and speech students of Hope School will go via bus to observe the plays presented at the college February 18th. The two plays winning first and second

place at Texarkana will be presented for the public Friday night, February 18th.

Thursday, February 17th
Members of the Jett B. Graves Sunday School class and anyone interested will meet Thursday, February 17th at the church at 7:30 p.m. for a continued study and discussion on "Doctrine" led by Reverend J. E. Cooper.

Friday, February 18th
The City Federation of Garden Clubs will meet with Mrs. W. O. Beene, South Main Street, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Monday, February 21st
The Y.W.A. of the First Baptist church will meet Monday, February 21st, at 7 p.m. in the home of Miss Edith Ward, 715 West Division Street. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

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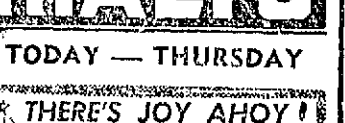
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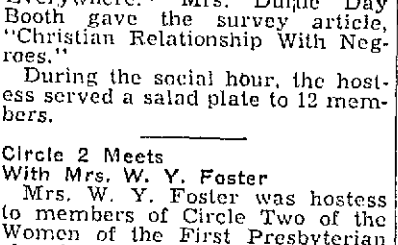
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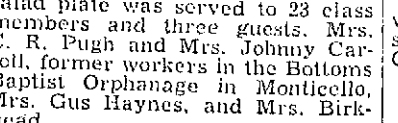
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The Doctor Says:

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The prostate gland is a male sex gland which lies near the outlet of the bladder. This becomes enlarged in some men as they grow older and interferes with the complete emptying of the bladder and causes other symptoms which can be quite troublesome. Many men, however, do not develop this difficulty, and it should not be considered as inevitable.

Enlargement of the prostate is first noticed as a rule by difficulty or delay in beginning urination. Only rarely is this of sudden onset, but it is more likely to come on gradually. Incomplete emptying of the bladder causes back pressure on that organ so that its wall becomes thickened and less elastic. This results in more and more frequent urge to empty the bladder, thus, in turn, making the symptoms worse.

Local discomfort, irritation or pain may be either present or absent. Unfortunately, the symptoms are likely to be worse at night and this frequently produces considerable disturbance of sleep and restlessness and irritability.

Occasionally a man with an enlarged prostate may suddenly be unable to urinate at all. Of course, this cannot be allowed to go on and the bladder must be emptied as promptly as possible through a catheter. This gives only temporary relief and more permanent measures must be taken shortly.

Complications or enlargement of the prostate gland can be serious. The back pressure can affect the kidneys in time and even cause some waste materials to accumulate in the blood stream. The symptoms therefore, should not be neglected.

The proper treatment for most victims of an enlarged prostate gland today is surgery. Several good methods of operating on this gland aimed at removing some of the excess tissue and relieving the symptoms are available. Sometimes one method seems best and sometimes another. The judgment and skill of the surgeon in charge must be relied on in deciding which method to use.

QUESTION: What are the after-effects of the barium enema given during an X-ray diagnosis?

ANSWER: There should be no quite promptly and completely eliminated in most cases.

day night at 7:30 o'clock.

Miss Elsie Weisenberger, president conducted the business session and the group in the invocation by repeating the Lord's Prayer. Plans were made about the Guild members attending the State Guild Retreat in Little Rock, March 12-13th and also the District meeting in Prescott, March 10th. Mrs. Lantieri was elected the delegate to the State Retreat. The Guild will have the evening worship at the church, March 6th with Miss Kathleen Branch in charge.

Miss Branch was in charge of the program and presentation. Mrs. Ben Edmiston who gave the devotional, Miss Clarice Cannon reviewed the book "Newness of Life" and the program was closed with prayer by Miss Branch.

The hostess served a sandwich plate with coffee to 12 members and four guests, Miss Norma Lewis, Miss Dorothy Little, Miss Sophia Sue Harper and Mrs. Garanto.

The March meeting will be held Monday, March 7th instead of the second Monday and will meet in the home of Miss Beryl Henry.

Coming and Going

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McDowell have returned from an extended visit with their sons in Fort Worth.

Lawrence McDowell of Ft. Worth was Saturday night guest of his sister, Mrs. Aubrey Collier and Mr. Collier.

Personal Mention

Miss Clarice Brown Hope, was listed on the Ouachita College fall semester honor roll released this week by dean of the college, A. M. Witherington. Miss Brown was among the 45 OBC students making all A's.

Charles C. Gough, Hope, was among the students at Ouachita College making the third honor roll and retaining a B average.

Magnolia A. & M. College fine arts Department students and faculty members gave an assembly program at Bradley high school Tuesday, February 13. A one-act play was presented with Joe Byrd, Magnolia, Howard Stone, Hope, Dale Moody, Waldo, and Pat Phillips, Magnolia, as players.

Hospital Notes

BRANCH HOSPITAL

Admitted: Linda Butts—Rt. 1, Hope. Discharged: Robert Lee Phillips—Hope.

JOSEPHINE HOSPITAL

Admitted: Mrs. Claude Hollis—Palmos. Miss Mattie Anderson—Hope, Rt. One. Discharged: Pierre Mabard—Hope. Mrs. Art Yates—Hope. Mr. and Mrs. Art Yates, Hope, announce the arrival of a daughter, Discharged: Mrs. E. J. Hartfield and daughter. Baby Charles Lively—Hope.

County Health Unit

An immunization clinic will be held for Hopewell School on Feb. 22, 1949, at 2:00 p. m.

Clubs

Stenelling with textile paints was the demonstration given by Mrs. Lorene Blackwood at the February 11 Baker Home Demonstration Club meeting in the home of Mrs. T. B. Fenwick, Sr., 1019 West Avenue B.

Lecturer



Ralph E. Baney

Experiences of more than 10 years living and working among the Jews in Europe and Palestine will be embodied in a lecture with motion pictures on "The Palestine Crisis" by Ralph E. Baney at the First Baptist Church, Sunday, Feb. 20th at 7:30 p. m.

The speaker, Mr. Baney, before the war was a missionary in Palestine. He was later sent to Germany to work in the Jewish ghettos, and was imprisoned in a concentration camp. After the war he returned to his mission work in Palestine and is now home on a brief furlough and lecture tour.

Brennan Featured in 'Red River'



Some years ago when Darryl Zanuck introduced Walter Brennan at a dinner party as "the greatest character actor in Hollywood," he expressed the opinion held by many of filmdom's top directors and producers.

Brennan can now be seen in the role of Groot Nadine in Howard Hughes' epic western film, "Red River," the story of the first cattle drive up the famed Chisholm Trail from Texas to Kansas. John Wayne, Montgomery Clift and Joanne Dru share starring honors with Brennan in this film which has been compared in scope and high dramatic quality to the classic westerns, "Cimarron" and "The Covered Wagon." It is being released by United Artists and is slated to bow in on Saturday midnight 11:00 also Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Saenger Theatre.

Three times the winner of an Academy Award for the best supporting actor, Brennan starred as an extra in a mob scene with Gary Cooper, in 1923. For 12 years Brennan struggled along as an extra doing his bit parts before the director Howard Hawks gave him his first big part in "Barbary Coast."

Following his success in this picture, Brennan was signed to a ten-year contract by Samuel Goldwyn, which recently terminated. In 1936 "Come and Get It" provided Brennan with a role that resulted in his first Academy Award. He gained two other Oscars, in "Kentucky" and "The Westerner."

Trainer Jim Fitzsimmons has stabled his horses in the same barn at Hialeah every winter since the rebuilding of the track in 1931.

Longest kickoff return during the 1948 National Football League season was by Joe Scott of the New York Giants against Los Angeles—99 yards.

A motion was made and seconded to use the proceeds of the food sale held January 29 downtown to start our community chest.

Mrs. James Lauterbach had charge of the recreation, prize going to Mrs. Sam Hartfield.

Refreshments were served to 12 members, one visitor, Mrs. Burns, and five children.

The meeting adjourned to meet March 11 in the home of Mrs. James Lauterbach, 820 Foster Avenue. The program for March is Health with the health leader in charge. All members are urged to be present and bring someone with you. We hope to have a guest speaker for this meeting.

Nineteen members of the Hope Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Light on Tuesday, February 8, for a demonstration on sewing in zippers, given by Mrs. Carl Fuller.

During the business session, the council and club projects were discussed, at this time, and the sale of assorted greeting cards, by the club, was approved, with the club buying a box of each assortment.

Roll call was answered by each member giving her favorite hobby. Many humorous and interesting hobbies were disclosed. Two new members, Mrs. Fred Fuller and Miss Dorothy Williams, were added to the roll call; also there were two visitors, Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Carl Fuller.

The poultry leader, Mrs. W. H. Light, reminded poultry raisers this was the month to put in their order for baby chicks and read a leaflet on "Poultry Reminders."

After a short period the club adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Clyde Huckabee on March 15.

Legislative Council Under Fire

By DEANE ALLEN

Little Rock, Feb. 16 —(AP)— The Arkansas legislative council, created two years ago by the general assembly, came under sharp fire in the Arkansas senate today.

The heated debate, which lasted more than an hour, came over a bill by Sen. George Freeman of Clark to replace the present 31-member council with an eight-member group composed entirely of members of the legislature.

As now constituted, the council includes more than a dozen members who represent outside organizations and associations.

At the end, the bill was deferred for further action, but not before senators had both castigated and defended actions of the council.

Freeman touched off the attack when he said the existing group had been handicapped by "outside influence and pressure groups."

Sen. Bob Baker, Jr., of Russellville, asked Freeman to name one constructive act of the council and Freeman said he was unable to do so.

Sen. Clyde Byrd, El Dorado, said he favored the smaller group; but he defended many actions of the existing council.

He added: "I admit the council has been handicapped but we shouldn't criticize the members. They were handicapped principally because of the fact that we failed to appropriate funds for them."

Sen. Jerry Sereton of Hazen called the 31 member group unwieldy; but Sen. Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff said he feared too much power would be placed in the hands of eight men under the terms of the new bill.

The motion to send the bill back for amendment came from Sereton, who said he felt the senate should have the representation with the house in the new council, and that he wanted to be sure "the bill repeals the law setting up the old council."

Censorship in Russia Still Tight

By The Associated Press

The Moscow censorship's handling of the arrest of Anna Louis Strong has left many questions unanswered and has underlined anew the problems of getting news from Moscow.

Only about 200 words have been received in the United States of a dispatch on the Strong case filed by the Moscow Bureau of the Associated Press.

The original dispatch probably ran to 500-600 words; only sections were received, and these were printed in yesterday's newspapers.

The only solid news let out of Moscow was that Miss Strong, an American correspondent who has written such material favorable to the Soviet Union, had been arrested and accused of spying. Moscow papers reported she would be deported within a few days.

Left unanswered were such questions as these: What activities ascribed to Miss Strong had been considered espionage by the Soviet authorities? What did Miss Strong say about it? Was she held in jail?

Answers to these and similar questions are likely to go unanswered until Miss Strong leaves Soviet soil.

The seven American correspondents remaining in Moscow must submit all their news to censorship. In addition to that they are restricted in their movements and in obtaining information. This contrasts with the treatment accorded in the United States to Soviet correspondents. They may file to Moscow anything they wish to.

School Vote Dates Set by Assembly

Little Rock, Feb. 16 —(AP)— After being changed twice, the date for Arkansas annual school elections apparently has been firmly fixed by the Arkansas legislature. That is at least for the current session.

The senate yesterday afternoon passed a house-approved bill changing the date from the second Tuesday in October to the last Tuesday in September. It now goes to Governor McMath, who is expected to sign it.

The 1949 general assembly first changed the school election date from the third Saturday in March to October. That was to aid school districts in complying with requirements of the initiated school budgeting act of 1947.

Out new poll taxes became usable Oct. 2 and there wouldn't be time to prepare the necessary poll lists before the school elections. That brought the latest change.

A bill was introduced in the senate yesterday afternoon to require all public and school employees to sign affidavits they have no direct or indirect affiliation with the Communist party.

If affected persons didn't sign, they wouldn't be paid. Signing a false oath would subject an employee to a possible prison sentence of from one to five years.

Dan Sandiver of the Washington Redskins intercepted 13 passes during the 1948 National Football League season to lead the league.

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DOROTHY DIX Women, the Strange Sex?

Dear Miss Dix: I am a man and no authority on the subject; but I think married women with children definitely lose love for their husbands and their affections go to the children—especially in the teen age group. This happens even when the husbands are sober, industrious, sensible, not of the nagging type, but who prefer to live with their wives as per the original wedding agreement.

Women are descendants of Eve and possess a faculty for snoring and tempting men, and when they get one in many cases he becomes nothing but a doormat and they drop all of their sentimental tactics.

I don't understand women, but I would never expose my wife's faults to anyone because it would reflect on my intelligence in selecting her as a wife. Yet a wife very often will reveal to strangers or friends all of her husband's mistakes and weaknesses. Another thing that I cannot understand about women is that regardless of how big a kitchen is built, it can't be big enough for two women, even though these women graduated from the same college where cooking and Domestic Science were taught.

Why do women act like this?
WILLE LIVE
Answer: Well, brother, the reason women act like women and think like women is because they are women, and if a man is really clever he doesn't make any attempt to understand them. He just takes them as is.

Answers To Queries
But I don't mind answering a few of your queries. You are surprised that married women with children seem to lose their love for their husbands and transfer it to their children. There is a twofold reason for that. In the first place, the husband drops his love-making at the altar and henceforth says it with supporting a family.

Probably the average wife would drop dead with surprise if her husband would treat her as a Lady Love instead of a household drudge. And, in the second place, wives make more fuss over their children than they do over their husbands because a baby is more responsive to sweet talk than Papa is, and because children need more care than a husky man does.

I agree with you that one of wives greatest faults is blabbing home secrets. Yet when the poor things are shut up all day with no wonder that they talk too much. Maybe if their husbands would take the trouble to converse with them, they would be more discreet.

As for no kitchen being big enough for two women, that is a freak of nature. Men have the same complex. Did you ever know two men who could mix a drink without getting into a hot argument over it?

Dear Miss Dix: Why are boys so reticent about taking their girlfriends home to meet their parents?

BEWILDERED
Answer: No reflection on you, my dear. Probably your boy friend thinks you hang the moon and as proud as Punch at being seen

PERPLEXED
Answer: If you have no way of providing for your children it may be better for them to be put in homes where they will have adequate food and clothing and education. Letting them run the streets, starved and with no discipline, while you are off at work vainly trying to make enough to support them. But it is a hard decision for a mother to make.

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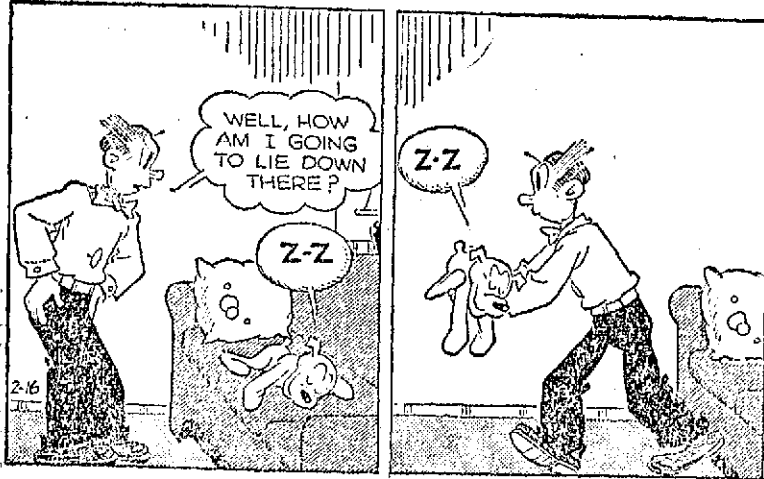
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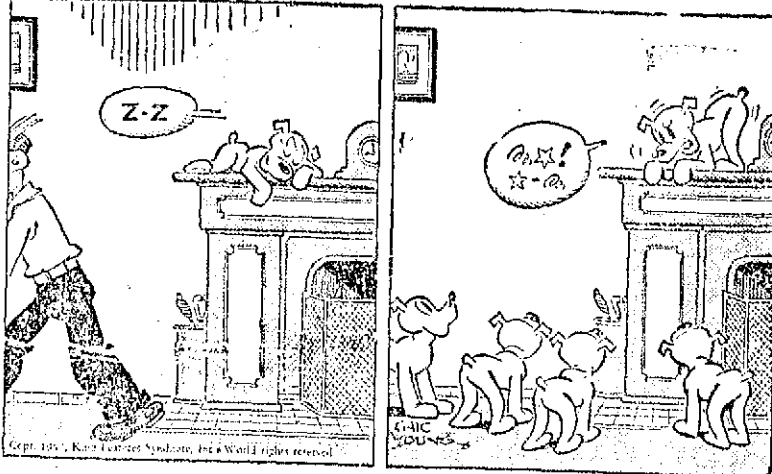
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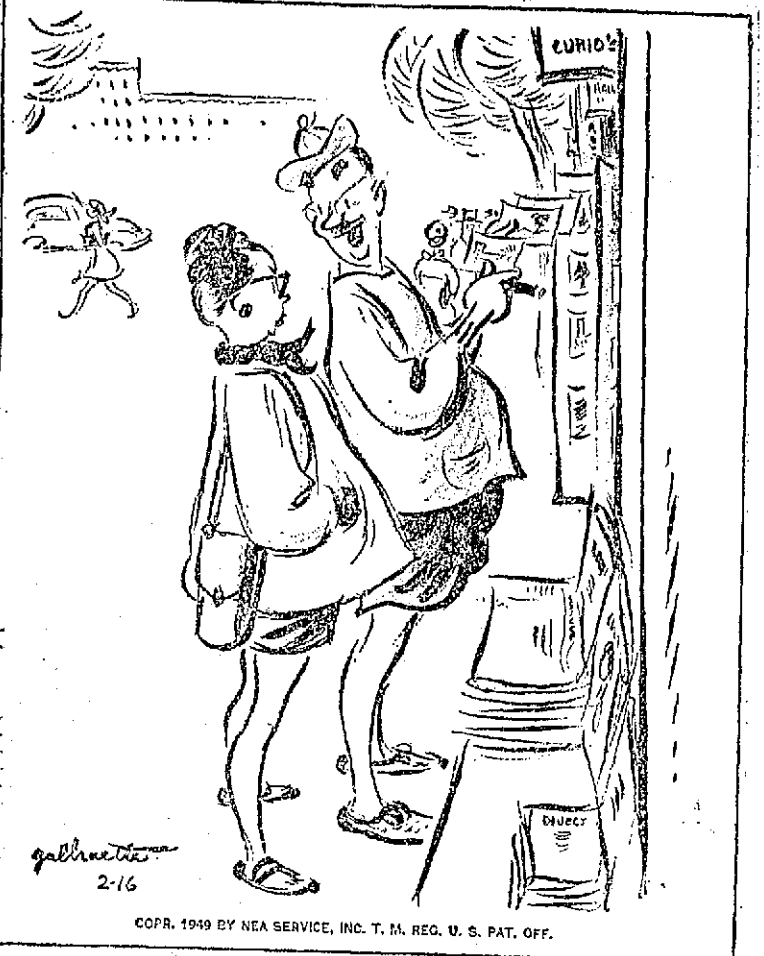
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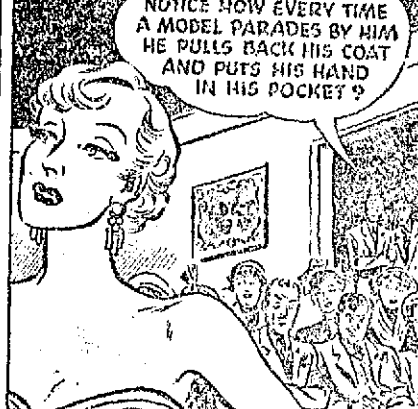
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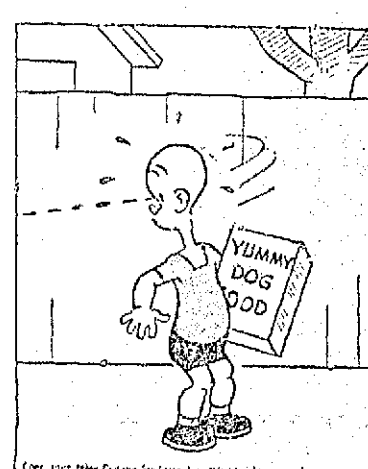
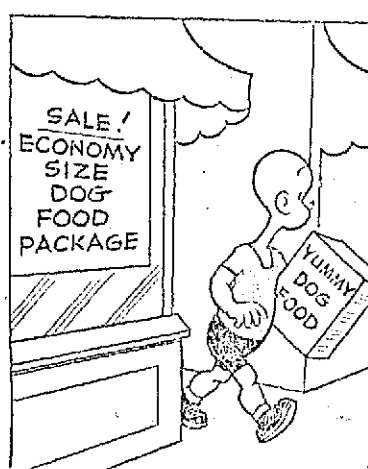
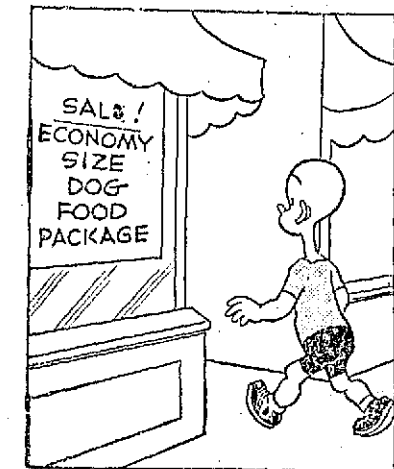
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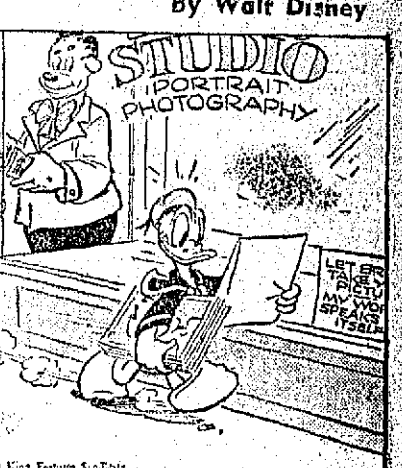
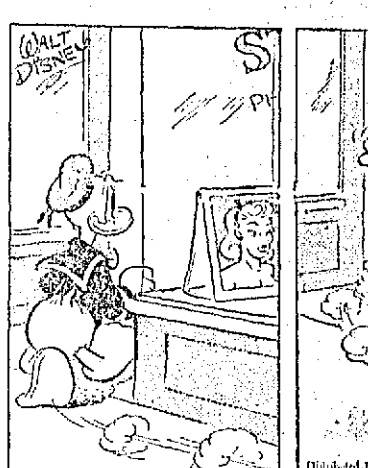
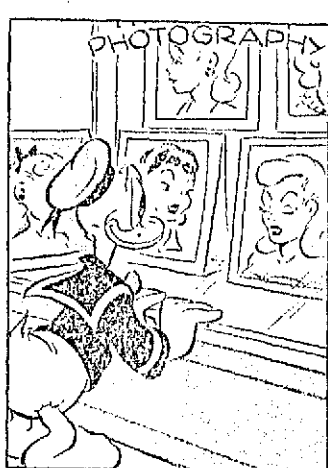
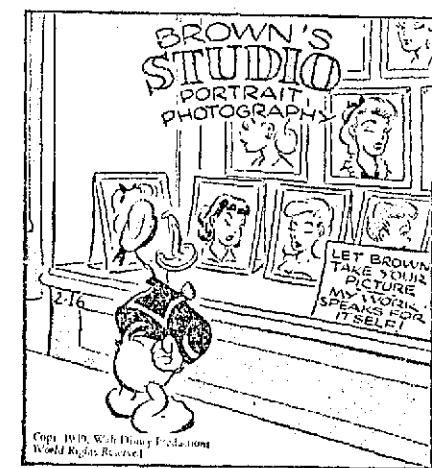
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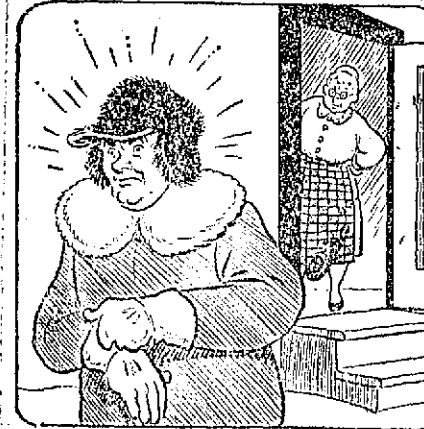
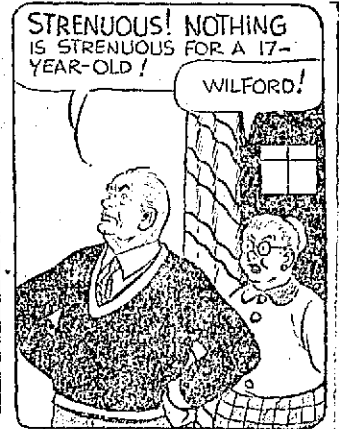
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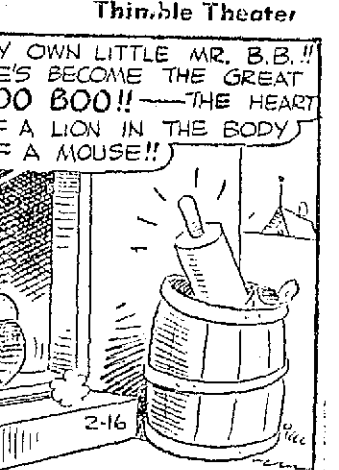
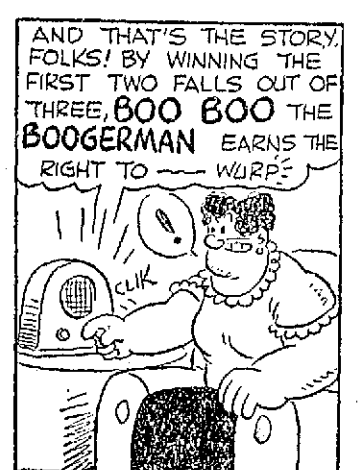


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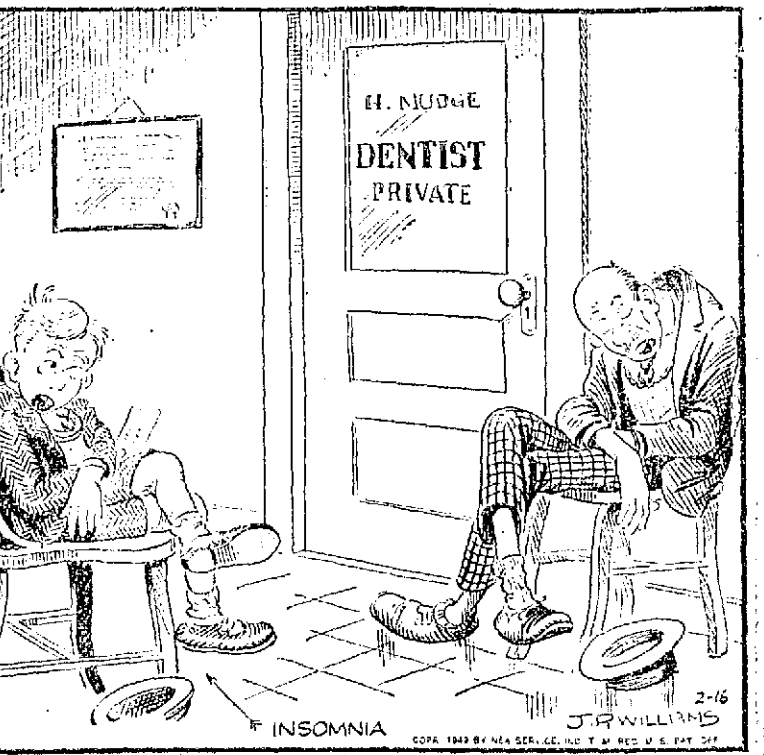
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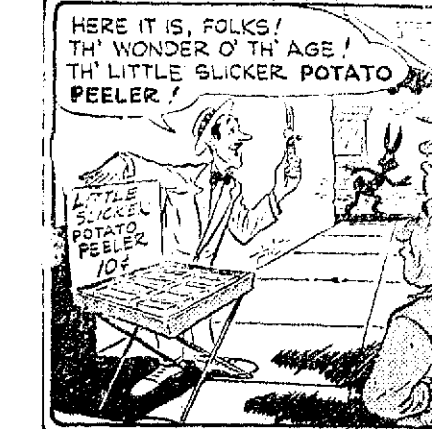


BUGS



By Edgar Martin

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AFL Ordered to Revise Bookkeeping

Washington, Feb. 16 —(AP)—The Arkansas Power and Light Co., Pine Bluff, Ark., has been ordered to revise its system of bookkeeping.

In so doing, the utility must eliminate from the electric plant account \$6,247,200.04 of excess over original cost.

The power commission yesterday said the change in bookkeeping must be followed to meet requirements of the national uniform system of accounts and the federal power act.

This is the second time the A. P. & L. has been ordered to top off an amount in excess of the original cost of the utility's property. The first such adjustment was made between January, 1937, and December, 1946. The amount was \$12,500,000.

The new order follows a five-year controversy in which Arkansas Power has contended that a readjustment of its general corporate books was unnecessary.

In 1943 the commission ordered the company to show cause why it should not make accounting adjustments as recommended by the federal agency's staff.

Arkansas power contended that it had been ruling of the Arkansas Department of Public Utilities — now the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

In making the new order, the federal commission said it was not trying to say what records the Arkansas commission may require but, added that if it is necessary to say which record is paramount "it must be that prescribed by federal authority."

Clay to Probe 'Secrecy' of Spy Trials

BY RICHARD K. O'MALLEY

Munich, Germany, Feb. 16 —(AP)—Strict secrecy surrounded the opening today of the first five "Czech spy trials" before an eight-man U.S. military commission.

The chairman of the military commission, which is empowered to impose the death penalty, has ruled that revelation of the trial testimony or even of the identity of the accused would endanger the security of the United States.

The chairman, Brig. Gen. John L. McKee, said the secrecy would not make public its verdict. The charge is sale of important secret information to the Communist-dominated Czech government.

He said the same rules would apply to the third and fourth trials which are scheduled for Feb. 17 and 18.

The series of trials have been known in Germany as the "Czech spy trials." When the U.S. army reported the arrest of about 20 alleged agents last fall they were identified as members of a Czech spy ring. A military guard this morning brought a slight, dark-haired man of about 30 into the building where the commission is sitting. He is believed to be a Czechoslovakian.

He was the only prisoner brought in by military police, lending credence to a report that the highly secret opening trial would involve only an unidentified man.

McKee said at a news conference yesterday that the secrecy, which is believed to have no precedent in U.S. military trials, was recommended by army intelligence.

He said that although the commission would not announce its verdict, a review board might later decide to disclose the names of the accused and the verdicts.

One of the defendants has been identified as Elfriede Zirkel, a Sudeten German woman.

The second case to begin next Monday involves three Germans and two Poles, McKee said. Elfriede Zirkel, a Sudeten German, will be the third trial. Eight persons whose nationalities have not been disclosed will be defendants in the fourth trial. All details of the fifth have been kept secret.

Clay Investigates Secrecy — Frankfurt, Germany, Feb. 16 —(AP)—Lucius D. Clay began an investigation today into the reasons for total secrecy surrounding an espionage case being tried by a U. S. military commission in Munich.

He gave orders to Major General Maxwell Taylor, chief of staff of the American ground forces in Europe, to give him a report on why the commission imposed the secrecy.

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'Co-lumn Hop---Be-Bop!'



This is really root platoon, doing some drilling that's alive, man. It's the crack drill team of the 2352nd Aviation Squadron at Hamilton Field, San Rafael, Calif. The prize-winning marchers practice drilling daily, to such commands as "What's on your right, man?" instead of "Right face," and "Turn 'round," instead of "About face." The movement they're doing above, in case you don't recognize it, is the old-fashioned "Column left."

Makes Good



Leon Jolson is the latest to discover that America is still the land of opportunity. The 36-year-old former Displaced Person arrived in New York penniless two years ago. With a \$2000 loan he built up a sewing machine importing and sales firm that now does a \$1,000,000 annual business.

New President?



The likeliest prospect to be the first president of the new West German Republic is believed to be Konrad Adenauer. The 73-year-old resident of Bonn, Germany, is dean of the Christian Democrats.

"Reconciliation" meeting between Aly Khan and the present princess in their divorce action has been postponed because of the princess' illness.

The prince has asked for a divorce in order to be free to marry Miss Hayworth. Under French law, the judge handling the case must first hold a meeting with the two parties to try to effect a reconciliation.

Court clerks said they had been notified by attorneys for the princess that she is ill in London, and that her doctors had advised against making any trip for the time being. The hearing had been set for tomorrow.

The court will not set a new date until the princess has notified it that she has recovered, clerks said.

Porkers to Be in Top Shape for Ponies

Fayetteville, Feb. 16 — (AP)—Arkansas Razorbacks probably will be in top physical condition for their next Southwest conference basketball games — with Southern Methodist here Saturday night.

Bob Ambler, big sophomore center and scoring star, operated at near full speed in practice yesterday and should be ready for the Mustang encounter.

Ambler twisted an ankle in practice last week and his mates had to play without him in beating Texas Saturday night to climb to the top of the conference standings.

Jerome Davis of the Chicago Cards made the longest punt return of the National League Football 1948 season when he logged one back 74 yards to a touchdown against New York.

Prescott News

Notice — monthly supper program of the Men of the Presbyterian church has been postponed until Wednesday, February 22.

The choir of the Presbyterian church will meet at the church for practice at 7:15 p.m.

There will be a teachers and officers meeting at the First Baptist church at 7 p.m. Bible study at 7:45 and choir rehearsal at 8:30.

There will be a mid-week meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian church.

The Methodist choir will practice at the church at 7 p.m.

Friday, February 18 — The Benjamin Culp Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Charles Thomas with Mrs. Wells Hamby, co-hostess. Mrs. Frank Gerig of Arkadelphia will present the program on United Nations.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist church met on Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Joe T. Smith with Mrs. Lella Hays assistant hostess.

The house was decorated with arrangements of spring flowers. The business was conducted by the president, Mrs. J. W. Gist.

Miss Nina Cathryn Scott gave an inspiring devotional. Miss Scott also presented the program on "Hawaii and Its People."

The business served a delicious dessert course to the twenty-two members present. Mrs. Electa Wells was a guest of the Guild.

The Intermediate department of the Baptist Training Union of the First Baptist church enjoyed a pot luck supper and party on Thursday evening in the church annex.

Following the supper various games were enjoyed by the twelve members present. Bro. Earl Humble and Mrs. Humble and Mrs. Frank Williams were the sponsors for the evening.

Mrs. Tom Lavender spent several days last week in Booneville as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Lavender.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis of El Dorado and Mr. and Mrs. Veldon McKnight of Arkadelphia were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Yancey.

Mrs. Richard Johnson has returned to her home in Grand Prairie, Texas, after a week-end visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vuel Chamberlain.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Whitaker have had as their house guests their daughter, Mrs. Brooks Norfleet and little daughter of Forrest City.

Miss Dotly Yancey, student at State Teachers College, Conway, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yancey.

Miss Sue Jones, who attends State Teachers College, Conway, was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Royston, Mr. and Mrs. George Ward of Hope, and Mrs. Mrs. James Hood of McCaskill attended the Valentine dance at the Lawson Hotel on Saturday evening.

Mrs. W. J. Lassiter of Memphis spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. C. C. Hamby.

Miss Mary Lou Thomas was the week-end guest of her brother, Jim at Hendrix College, Conway.

The Social and Study Club of the O.E.S. met on Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Ellis Stewart.

Members present for the afternoon were Mrs. O. R. Peachey, Mrs. James Daniel, Mrs. N. N. Daniel, Mrs. George Cunningham, Mrs. Mary B. Smith, Mrs. Lawrence Stovall, Mrs. Electa Wells, and Mrs. Henry Thompson.

A delicious dessert course was served by the hostess.

The wedding of Miss Jacquelyn Sue McMahan, daughter of Mrs. Christine N. McMahan of Prescott, and William C. McMahan of Arkadelphia to Kenneth Jack Owen of Houston, Texas took place at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 12 in the First Methodist church, Prescott, with the Rev. Willard R. Burke officiating.

The bride wore a suit of grey wool with accessories of navy and pink. She pinned a single orchid at her shoulder.

Miss Jo Ann Meador was maid of honor and Paige Keown served as best man.

The couple is at home in Houston, Texas where Mr. Owen is affiliated with his father in the Owen Tool company.

At the regular meeting of the

Taft-Hartley Act Denounced by AFL Chief

Washington, Feb. 15 —(AP)—AFL President William Green said today the Taft-Hartley act is "impracticable, unworkable and destructive of the common elemental rights of labor." He urged its prompt repeal.

The resentment of labor in the United States to the Taft-Hartley law, Green told the senate labor committee, "is as uncompromising and rigid as was the opposition of our forefathers to Great Britain when it imposed upon them government without representation."

The senate committee is holding hearings on a bill offered by the Truman administration to replace the Republican-sponsored act which the house passed in June 1947.

Green said the American Federation of Labor, after studying the Truman bill closely, liked its general objectives. But he said several features could be sharpened to the benefit of the organized labor.

He suggested changes which would protect labor unions from any court action arising under provisions of the Taft-Hartley act in the last two years.

Senator Morse (R-Ore) who opposes both the Taft-Hartley and administration measures, said there's a good chance neither of them will stand as the nation's labor law if he and Senator Ives (D-NY) can get together on a substitute which might give Republicans a "balance of power" in the senate.

Morse said the bill, if introduced, would probably determine the kind of labor legislation the senate finally approves.

Morse and Ives both oppose many features of the Taft-Hartley act. For example, they both want to decelerate the 60-day injunctions in "national emergency" strikes.

On the other hand, they both want a more comprehensive law than the Thomas bill, which was prepared by the Truman administration and introduced by Senator Elbert Thomas (D-Utah) chairman of the senate committee.

The Thomas bill, endorsed by unions, would do away with most of the Taft-Hartley act and replace it with a law more similar to the original Wagner act of 1935.

Morse made it clear that he and Ives have not yet agreed on an entire bill. If they don't agree, he said, each man will offer his own proposals.

French Gifts Are Placed on Display

Little Rock, Feb. 16 —(AP)—The hundreds of gifts which France sent to Arkansas on the "Merri Train" have been placed on public exhibition at the state capital.

The display, which will be open daily until 10 p. m., will remain at the capital through Sunday. After that the gifts will be distributed to various museums and institutions.

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Diplomats Send Condolences to Pope Pius

Vatican City, Feb. 16 —(AP)—Diplomats of 33 nations today expressed to Pope Pius XII their condolences on the sentencing of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary to life imprisonment.

The pontiff in an address of gratitude termed the mass audience unique in the history of the Holy See's diplomatic relationships. Speaking in French, he said he awaits the "hour when all nations put forth friendly hands to collaborate for the restoration of humanity at present torn by hatreds and discords."

Of the diplomats accredited to the Vatican who were in Rome today only Yugoslav Charge D'Affaires, Petar Benzon failed to attend. He pleaded illness. Two years ago Yugoslavia sentenced for 16 years another high Catholic, Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac, on charges of collaborating with the Germans.

Minister Arthur Malchner of Czechoslovakia, the only other iron curtain country maintaining a diplomat at the Vatican, was not in Rome.

The diplomats, including Franklin C. Gowen, special assistant to Myron C. Taylor, President Truman's special representative, were in full dress with decorations.

The diplomats stood in a semi-circle about the pope's ivory and gold throne while he spoke today. He used no notes. After he ended the discourse he came down from the throne and shook hands with and blessed each representative personally. In making the rounds he spoke in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and German.

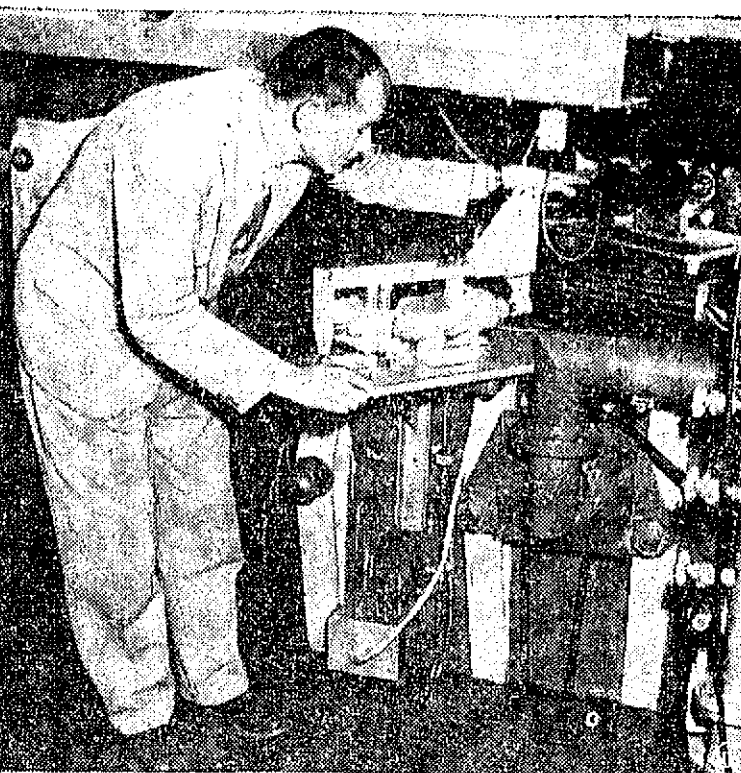
The formal address of the diplomats to the pontiff was read by Arango Velez, Colombian ambassador who acted as dean of the corps. He said all came to express their "solidarity with all those who suffer religious persecution and are defending the fundamental freedom of mankind."

Replying, the pope said the "historic audience reflects faithfully the thoughts and aspirations of the largest and most wholesome part of humanity."

Although Frank Panovich won only nine games and lost 13 for Syracuse, the pitcher was chosen as the left-hander on the International League's all-star team.

In Frank Leahy's six-year coaching tenure at Notre Dame, his football teams have won 50 games, lost three and tied five for a percentage of .943.

Atom Smasher Gets Face Lifted



The world's largest atom smasher, in the University of California at Berkeley, has been given a face-lifting so it can produce the mysterious cosmic ray particles that lie in the heart of the atomic nucleus. The giant 4000-ton cyclotron has been given an oscillator system that operates like a radio broadcasting station to pour out the world's most powerful beam of protons. When these high energy protons strike a target, neutrons ranging in energy up to 350 million electron volts emerge from the bombardment. Above, Prof. Edwin M. McMillan adjusts the intricate mechanism.

Believes Explosion in the Affairs of Europe Likely to Erupt Any Minute

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

AP Foreign Affairs Analyst — "The London Daily Mail — one of the world's prominent newspapers — says the lineup between Eastern and Western Europe is hardening. It asks whether an explosion therefore is inevitable.

Answering its own question, the Mail thinks an upheaval isn't inevitable. But it declares that the peaceful countries will be made into a third world war unless they make themselves so strong as to be unassailable.

It is, of course, apparent that the lineup of the two blocs is hardening. The Western nations are quite

openly discussing a powerful North Atlantic alliance, and are otherwise consolidating their positions.

On the Soviet side there is no disposition to advertise. However the German press reports (though without confirmation) that the Russians are conducting extensive troop movements in their zone of Germany and are staging combined air and submarine maneuvers in the western Baltic.

The Neue Zeitung, official German paper of the American Military Government, also says it learns from refugee Balts that the Muscovites are constructing huge new military installations in the

Baltic republics with "remarkable haste."

These are but a few of the numerous operations—political, economical, military—being carried out by both sides. The situation is explosive.

However, the consensus of close observers is that war isn't inevitable. Obviously it could develop — but not necessarily.

The preparations being made by both sides strike me as being in large degree precautionary. The west has been afraid of an assault by the Communist bloc, but I'll bet a bit that Moscow also is scared. Likely the Russians are more scared, because America not only is by far the most powerful nation on earth but she has the atomic bombs of which the whole world stands in fear.

Actually there is no nation which is prepared to wage war today. The United States is in a much better general position than any other, but even she isn't set for action. Therefore it would take a very ugly development indeed to set the chariots of war rolling.

Probably the German situation, with the country divided into two hostile camps, is the most explosive problem. But even there it isn't as bad as it appears. The two sides have been exercising caution to make sure the pot didn't boil over. If war should grow out of that imbroglio, it would be accidental, as things now stand.

There is one contingency which, as I see it, must produce war, and I have mentioned it in a previous column. The Communists have announced openly that they are out to destroy the "capitalistic governments." Should Communism succeed in overrunning all of Western Europe to the English channel, then an armed clash must be expected between the remaining Western powers and the Red bloc.

But western Europe isn't deteriorating. On the contrary, things are improving. Therefore we should be indulgently pessimistic to expect a collapse.

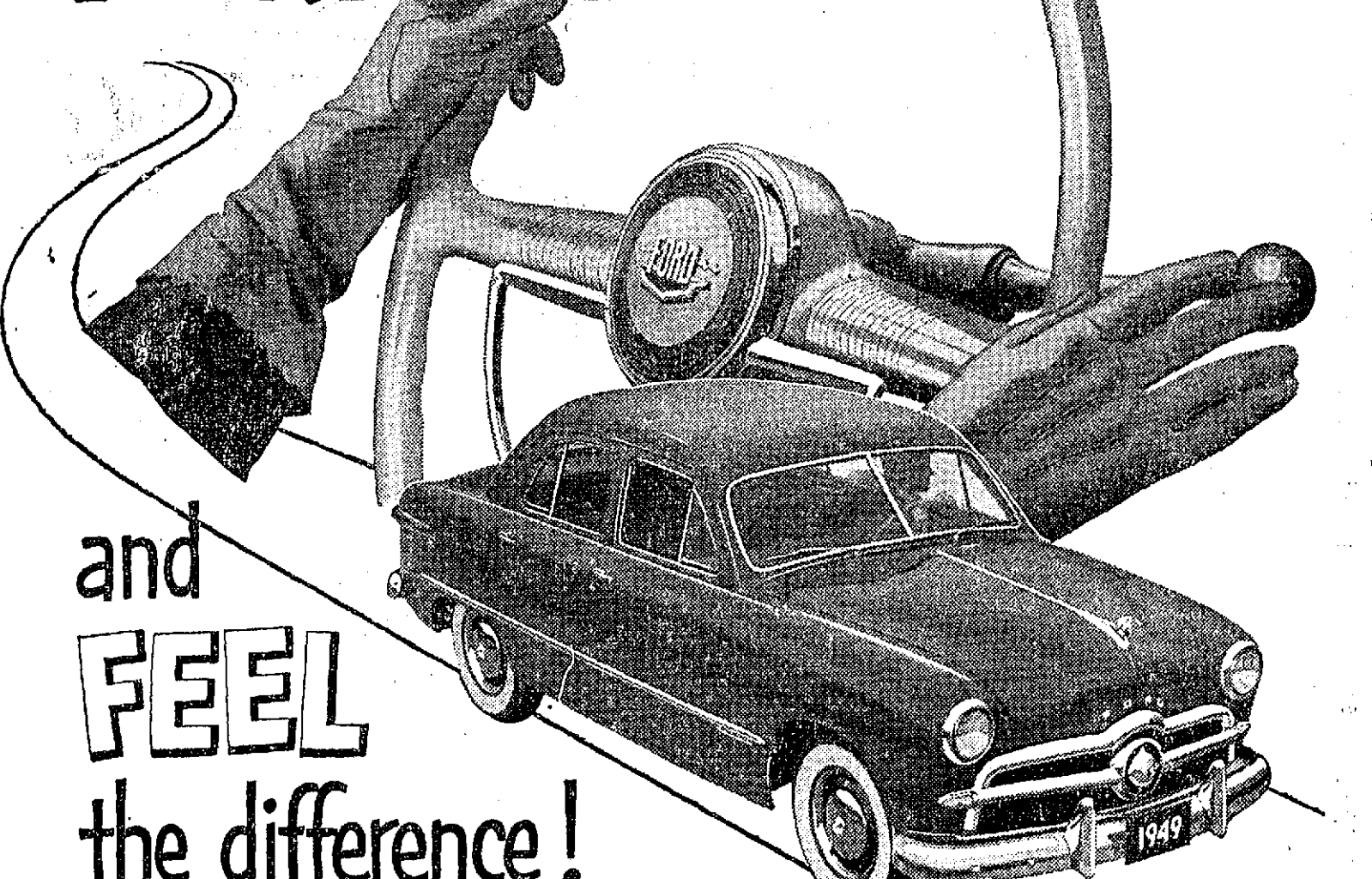
It's my belief that, on the whole, we have very good reason to be hopeful. Providing, of course, that we keep our socks pulled up.

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